

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
LUFKIN DIVISION

BRIAN C. FRANKENFIELD §  
VS. § CIVIL ACTION NO. 9:24-CV-71  
GALVESTON COUNTY, *et al.*, §

**MEMORANDUM OPINION REGARDING VENUE**

Plaintiff, Brian C. Frankenfield, an inmate currently incarcerated at the Gib Lewis Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Correctional Institutions Division, proceeding *pro se*, filed this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against Galveston County, Greg Russel, and TDCJ.

The above-styled action was referred to the undersigned magistrate judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636 and the Local Rules for the Assignment of Duties to the United States Magistrate Judge for findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations for the disposition of the case.

**Discussion**

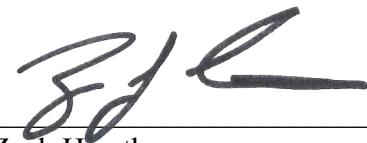
Venue in a civil rights action is determined pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331(b). When, as in this case, jurisdiction is not founded solely on diversity of citizenship, 28 U.S.C. § 1331 provides that venue is proper only in the judicial district where all the defendants reside or in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred.

Plaintiff's complaint pertains to his criminal case in Galveston County, Texas. Galveston County is located in the Southern District of Texas, Galveston Division. It is clear that all of the events or omissions giving rise to his claims against the Defendants occurred in the Southern District

of Texas, Galveston Division. Venue, therefore, is not proper in the Eastern District of Texas, Lufkin Division.

When venue is not proper, the court “shall dismiss, or if it be in the interest of justice, transfer such case to any district or division in which it could have been brought.” 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a). Plaintiff’s claims should be transferred to the Southern District of Texas, Galveston Division. An appropriate order so providing will be entered by the undersigned.

SIGNED this 23rd day of April, 2024.



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Zack Hawthorn  
United States Magistrate Judge